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hi katie and pam -- as you may know, early last year, we took samples at riverside park in lyndhurst / north arlington to measure levels of dioxin, etc., in response to concerns about flooding and potentially contaminated sediment....here's an excerpt from the first news release, linked below:

"Very low levels of PCBs, mercury and dioxin were found earlier this year in soil in the Lyndhurst and North Arlington sections of Riverside Park that likely were carried there by flooding. The concentrations of contaminants detected are well below established levels of concern for children and adolescents playing in the park and for workers maintaining the park. The EPA does not plan on additional sampling of the parks' recreational areas and cleanup in the park is not necessary. The public can continue to enjoy using Riverside County Park in Lyndhurst but should practice proper hygiene that would normally be followed at any urban park that is prone to flooding."

we subsequently reached agreement to have contaminated sediment IN the river, near the park, removed (see second news release, below) -- that dredging is scheduled to start this summer.

now, in response to concerns following flooding caused by sandy, we'll be going back out to take additional samples at riverside park next week -- we expect to have results about three weeks afterward, and once again do not expect to find concentrations that are above levels of concern.

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why am i telling you all this? -- yesterday, we met with nutley's mayor and township commissioners, at their request, to discuss similar concerns (they are directly across the passaic from riverside park) -- at this time, we have no plans to sample in nutley -- so, this is just an fyi -- and we'll keep you in the loop on passaic, now that you have a township that directly borders the river.

please let me know if you have any questions.

thanks!

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